

# How to use a translator in court



*You might be nervous when you go to court  
but it is important to...*

- ☐ **LISTEN** carefully to the translator.
- ☐ **WAIT** for the translator to finish talking before you answer.
- ☐ **TALK SLOWLY** so that the translator can hear everything you say. Remember, the translator is your voice in court.
- ☐ **NO ENGLISH.** Do NOT speak English- even if you speak a little. It is confusing for the judge.
- ☐ **DO NOT INTERRUPT.** No matter what bad things the witnesses or anyone in courts says about you, do NOT interrupt. You will get your chance to answer.
- ☐ **TAKE NOTES.** If someone says something that is not true, write down on a piece of paper what you want to tell the judge when it is your turn to talk.